

# MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP

# PRODUCTION OCCUPATIONS

Over 90 percent of *Production* jobs are middle-skilled. The three middle-skill *Production* occupations with the most projected annual openings are *Miscellaneous Assemblers and Fabricators*; *First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers*; and *Production Workers All Other*. These three occupations combined are projected to have more than 5,300 total openings in Missouri each year through 2032.

## Top Middle-Skill Production Occupations by Total Openings

Occupations	2022 Estimated Employment	2032 Projected Employment	Annual Openings		2023 Average Wage
			Difference	Total	
Miscellaneous Assemblers and Fabricators	32,935	30,041	-289	<b>3,037</b>	\$44,240
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	12,638	12,966	33	<b>1,217</b>	\$67,880
Production Workers, All Other	9,395	10,286	89	<b>1,143</b>	\$42,120
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	10,021	9,946	-8	<b>1,131</b>	\$50,740
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	10,316	10,450	13	<b>1,016</b>	\$49,820
Electrical, Electronic, and Electromechanical Assemblers, Except Coil Winders, Tapers, and Finishers	7,554	8,104	55	<b>880</b>	\$41,580
Packaging and Filling Machine Operators and Tenders	7,571	7,904	33	<b>858</b>	\$43,070
Bakers	4,137	4,325	19	<b>636</b>	\$33,250
Machinists	5,755	6,018	26	<b>596</b>	\$53,160
Food Batchmakers	3,597	3,856	26	<b>579</b>	\$44,160

The *Production* occupation group is closely linked to the *Manufacturing* industry, with almost three-fourths of *Production* jobs being found in the *Manufacturing* industry.

Skill requirements for occupations can be divided into *common skills* and *specialized skills*. Common skills are applicable across many different industries and occupations and are also known as “soft” skills. The top common skills for *Production* occupations include *Communications* and *Operations*. Specialized skills are more specific to an occupation and are also known as “technical” or “hard” skills. The top specialized skills for *Production* occupations include *Machinery* and *Hand Tools*.

Some of the top qualifications in the *Production* occupation group are specific to certain occupations, such as *Forklift Certifications*, while others are more applicable to a variety of occupations, such as *Commercial Driver’s License*.

## Top Skills

Top Common Skills	Top Specialized Skills
Communications	Machinery
Operations	Hand Tools
Detail Oriented	Machine Operation
Management	General Mathematics
Lifting Ability	Housekeeping

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## Top Certifications

Valid Driver’s License
Forklift Certification
Security Clearance
Food Handler’s Card
Commercial Driver’s License (CDL)

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